On your label is a date; Renew before it is too late. \*

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## Benton City School

Much Of The Seed Will Not Germinate-Be Careful How You

Nineteen pupils of Benton City Public school with their principal, E. E. Shay, recently filed their district report of seed corn germination tests. The test was made from corn brought to school by the pupils. Ten grains from 10 ears of corn were used to make the test. Most of the corn had been selected at husking time, altho some was taken from the crib. There were three varieties tested, Reid's Yellow Dent, Boone

County White and St. Charles White.

The test was made with a sand table tester. The percentage in many instances were surprisingly low, and only in one instance was there a 100 per cent test. That test was made by Miss Leota Hutchins with corn belonging to Fred Stimpert. The second high test was 95 per cent made by Walter Stratton with corn belonging to S. E. Stratton. The third test was 94 per cent made by Lloyd Hutchins with corn belonging to H. C. Hutchins. The other test of 90 per cent or better was that of Miss Evelyn Moore with corn belonging to Tom Hicks.

The remaining tests except in two | cases ranged between 80 and 90 per cent. The two lowest tests were 32 and 48 per cent.

The pupils who took part in the testing were: Walter Stratton, Leo Hutchins, William Purdom, Herbert Schutte, Edward Schutte, Edward Shay, Elmer Precht, Lloyd Russell, Lloyd Hutchins, Claud Kellerhals, and Misses Ida Gibbons, Evelyn Moore, Alice Johnson, Leota Hutchins, Nina Hofsess, and Evelyn Duckworth.

The corn tested belonged to the following: S. E. Stratton, H. C. Hutchins, W. W. Purdom, Fred Schutte, E. R. Gibbons, Kellerhals Brothers, Rene Hildebrand, Finley Johnson, Charles Harrison, Fred Stimpert, Tom Hicks, H. J. Hofsess, William Duckworth, Dane Douglass, Fred Precht, and Joe Carter.

## THE KAISER VS. WEYLER.

Devastation And Cruelty In Cuba Outdone In Belgium And France.

shame and contempt when a heart- of the most beneficiary things ever settlements along the streams. The less Spaniard drove 400,000 peaceful inhabitants of Cuba from their I am going to the polls Friday and graded and the track laid about that homes and forced them into recon- vote for it. centrado camps to suffer, to starve

But no one ever accused the Madrid government of such brutality as marks the cruelty inflicted upon children, or the unmentionable barbarity shown to women by the heartless Germans in invaded lands.

What the Prussian has done in Belgium, in Russia, in Roumania and the other European countries he would do in America if the Kaiser

wins the war. Buy a Liberty Bond and register a protest against the saber-rattling,

bloodthirsty Prussian war lord, America must win the war or civilization is doomed. Uncle Sam can the loyal support of the men who feeling. In a hospital the nurse and he will win, but he must have stay at home as well as the soldier

who goes to France. Billions must be raised to supply the guns, the food, the thousand and one things that are necessary to sup-

port the army. The free citizens of the United States must supply the money with which to feed, clothe and munition proposition Apris 5th. Respect., the Army. The best way to do this is to buy a Liberty Bond-the safest investment in the world.

A SPOONFUL OF SUGAR.

equals \$55,800,000. A fighting air- far. plane is worth \$15,000. The waste of one spoonful of sugar a day by

MRS. POWELL'S

ENDORSEMENT \*

Tests Seed Corn . Favors The County Hospital-C. H. Crockett Also Warmly Endorses The Idea. Mexico, Mo., March 28, 1918. \*

Audrain Co. Hospital Com. · Dear Sirs:

I have been reading the let- \* ters from the various citizens \* in regard to the Hospital, but \* \* have not seen one from a pa- \* \* tient as yet, and will say altho \* both my son and myself received the kindest and best treat- \* ment, most every day seemed to \* be "moving" day on account of \* lack of room.

There are reasons innumerable \* why we should have a hospital \* in Mexico, which have been presented to the public, but here \* is another which I think everysick person will understand. I believe a contented mind is an \* aid to a patient's recovery. Any way it helps a lot to know your loved ones can come at a moment's notice, which they could ' not do if they were in a far away city. Now, we have the physicians and nurses, and only 4 lack the hospital, and I hope the vote will carry April 5th.

Sincerely, MRS. CHAS. T. POWELL.

C. H. Crockett gives the fol-\* ing interview to The Message: I want that county hospital ' proposition to carry tomorrow. We should have it; the fact cannot be disputed. It will save you money if you get hurt or become sick and must be taken to a hospital or maybegive up your llife. \* If you live ten or twelve miles

\* in the country it will cost you no more for treatment than it would the man who lives in town. But if there is no hospital and you have to be taken to \* St. Louis you will catch the cost theh. The man who votes against this proposition tomorrow may happen to an accident and cry for a home hospital before 24 hours have passed. \* All the farmers out my way, \* \* toward Gant, with whom I have \* talked, are for a county hospit-

\* al strong.

Jesse Lofton, who lives down Cuivre, northeast of Martinsburg, the spring of 1869 from Barry, Ill., was in Mexico Monday and said to after having served in the Civil War All America shuddered with the County Hospital. It is truly one outdoors was raw prairie with a few put before the voters of Audrain.

> Mr. Heinicke's Endorsement. Rush Hill, Mo., March 28, 1918.

Audrain Co. Hospital Committee. -Dear Sirs; I cannot say too much for a hospital, as I have been compelled to be a patient upon two occasion. I was in the Mexico Hospital last March and received the very best of attention.

There is no doubt but what a hospital is the very best place for a sick person. I could have remained at home, and while I would have received a mother's attention there are things she would have given me that would have done me more harm than good, because of that mother's knows just what your condition will let you have, and this knowledge assists in many instances to restore you to health. Any person that has ever been in a hospital

knows this as well as the other advantages of a good modern hospital. I'll do all I can to help carry the

A. P. HEINICKE.

Middletown has a new bank, organized with a capital of \$15,000. The merchants of the town were so-Coumbia, Mo., March 25 .- One licited to aid in the organization, teaspoonful of sugar wasted by but they gave the move a cold shouleach person in the United Stafes der. The farmers then got together means 770 tons wasted each day, or and put the proposition thru by 281,050 tons wasted in a year. This themselves. The farmer has the amount valued at 10 cents a pound power. You better not buck him too

Carter & Vandeventer shipped in along in years and feelings, he deeach eprson in the United States their Wonder Buster Poland China served a holiday, so he divided this would in a year buy a fleet of 3,720 \$5,300 boar from Bunceton, Mo., land among his children and has bot Mexico, has been sick of typhoid feairplanes. These figures were given last week. He is as big a hog as you a little farm of 17 acres in Laddonia recently by the Canadian Food Bul- ever saw, considering that he is but which he has moved to and will be glad to erport that he is now regaintwo years, old.

NEW WHEAT CONSERVATION RULES OF UNITED STATES FOOD ADMINISTRATION.

That the Allies may be supplied with the necessary proportion of wheat to maintain their war bread from now until the next harvest -and this is a military necessity-the people of this country must cut down their use of wheat by one-half. To effect this saving, the Food Administration is dependent upon the voluntary assistance of the American people and asks that the following rules be put into

effect at once: First: Householders should not exceed a total of one and onehalf pounds a week of wheat products a person. This means not more than one and three-fourths pounds of Victory bread containing the required percentage of substitutes, and about one-half pound of cooking flour, macaroni, crackers, pastry, pies, cakes, wheat break fast cereals all combined.

Second: Public eating places and clubs should observe two wheatless days a week, Monday and Wednesday, as at present. In addition, they should not serve in the aggregate a total of more breadstuffs, macaroni, crackers, pastry, pies, cakes or wheat breakfast cereals containing a total of more than two ounces of wheat flour to any one guest at any one meal. No wheat products are to be served unless specially ordered. Public eating places are not to buy more than six pounds of wheat products a month for each guest, thus conforming to the limitations required of the household.

Third: Retailers shall sell not more than one-eighth of a barrel of wheat flour to any town consumer at any one time and not more than one-quarter of a barrel to any country consumer at any one time, and in no case to sell wheat products without the sale of an equal weight of other cereals.

Fourth: Bakers and grocers are asked to reduce the volume of Victory bread sold by delivering the three-quarter pound loaf where the pound loaf was sold before, and corresponding proportion in other weights. Bakers also are asked not to increase the amount of their wheat flour purchases beyond a seventy per cent of the average monthly amount purchased in the four months prior to March 1.

Fifth: Manufacturers using wheat products for non-food purposes should cease such use entirely.

Sixth: There is no limit upon the use of other cereals, flour and meals, corn, barley, buckwheat, potato flour, etc. Many thousand families throughout the land are now using no wheat products whatever except a very small amount for cooking purposes and are doing so in perfect health and satisfaction. There is no reason why all the American people who are able to cook in their own households cannot subsist perfectly well with the use of less wheat products than one and one-half pounds a week and the well-to-do households in the country are especially asked to follow this additional program in order that the necessary marginal supplies for those parts of the community less able to adapt themselves to so large a proportion of substitutes may

IN OTHER DAYS.

An Audrain Man Dreams Of The Early Settlements Of This County.

Jon W. Stevens, of Laddonia, presdent of the Farmers Bank of that thriving little city, who was married in Mexico recently, to an estimable Kansas lady, took to dreaming about the past a few days ago and gave the Laddonia Herald the fol-

lowing interview: I moved to Ralls county, Mc The Message: Yes, you bet I am for over three years. At that time all Chicago and Alton Railroad was time or a little later.

> Deer and wild turkey were quite plentiful. Greeheads (flies), chinchbugs and rattlesnakes possessed the

> Land was very cheap, from \$3.00 to \$10.00 per acre, but with cheap land to start with we found it very hard sledding. At that time buggies, spring wagons and even spring seats on farm wagons were a great

The large prairies around Laddonia, Farber, Vandalia and other sections were covered with large herds of cattle. At that time our friend, Henry Beal, ran a herd near his farm and John Beal, the present

the herding. Prairie chickens were so thick at that time a flock would almost darken the air.

We had never dreamed of selfbinders, automobiles, telephones, graphophones or even surreys at that

Our nearest general markets were Hannibal, Mexico and Louisiana. We did not have to have our clocks set forward to make more daylight. Early and late and hardworking hours was the rule then, of German soldiers who had put on with our little old 12-inch plows and spike-tooth harrows, as gang plows and smoothing harrows had not been thought of then.

But with hard work and economy about every wege-carner made a

Mr. Stevens accumulated 800 acres Louis county. of this land, and as he was getting a Laddonia citizen.

MRS. N. R. RODES.

A Pioneer Citizen Of Audrain County Passes Away Suddenly From Heart Trouble.

Mrs. W. R. Rodes of Mexico died suddenly Wednesday evening of last week while speaking with her sister, Mrs. Jerusha McPheeters over the telephone.

Her affliction was heart failure. Mrs. Rodes was a native of Mechanicsburg, Ohio, born November 4, 1842. When 12 years old she county, where she remained to the time of her death.

Besides the husband she leaves two sisters-Mrs. Jerusha McPheeters, of Mexico, and Mrs. C. M. Fuller of Clinton, Ill.; two children, Dr. L. O. Rodes of Sikeston, Mo., and Dr. N. R. Rodes of Mexico, and two grandchildren, Miss Mary Rodes, daughter of L. O. Rodes, and Ryland Rodes, son of Dr. N. R. Rodes.

Mrs. Rodes was a fine character and many friends are grieved to learn of her death.

The funeral was conducted by Rev. A. A. Wallace at the home of Dr. N. R. Rodes Friday afternoon. The pallbearers were S. P. Emmons, Judge W. W. Botts, C. F. Clark, Ross Cauthorn, R. D. Worrell, and Tom Hook.

MUST SELL ALL WHEAT.

Washington, D. C., March 29 .editof of The Mexico Message, did | Following charges that German farmers in this country are holding wheat, the Food Administration has set May 1 and 15 as the dates upon which residue wheat should be marketed. Southern and Middle States farmers are urged to sell all wheat aside from seed requirements by May 1 and Northern State farmers by

> SHOT THE TERRORISTS. According to a dispatch from Paris, France, of recent date, a number British uniforms in order to create confusion in the battle on the Somne front were taken prisoners and

Fred L. English, brother of Mrs. competency and established a good C. P. Arnold, north of Mexico, has been appointed Circuit Judge in St.

> Little Macfarlane Baker, son of Vandeventer of Mexico. Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Baker of near ver since Valentine's Day. We are ing his former strength.

THE MODERN WOODMEN GO OVER THE TOP.

Lead All The Organizations In The Sale Of War Savings Stamps.

L. E. Worner of Mexico, State Deputy Head Consul of the Modern Woodmen of America, is a master of the situation. When he undertakes anything it goes. He was at the head of the M. W. A. Camps in this county for the sale of War Savings Stamps. And he led the boys over the top. They sold more stamps than any other county lodge.

Benton City won in the contest for the largest sale. That Camp sold its own lodge members a total \$7,499.75.

Mexico's sales were \$14,950; Martinsburg, \$12,035. Rush Hill, \$3,569, and Farber, \$280. A grand total for the county of \$36,343.75. It was grand, grand.

THE EYE OF THE NATION IS ON AUDRAIN COUNTY. Her Quota For The Third Liberty

Loan Bonds Is \$342,000. All is now set for the great Third Liberty Loan drive for \$3,000,000,-000 with its over-subscriptions.

For the Third Liberty Loan Audrain County's quota has been fixed at \$342,000. The county in the Second Liberty Loan had \$326,500 for its minimum; the target \$543,000: the actual subscription totaled \$457,150, and was taken by 957 subscribers.

FOUR SCORE AND TEN.

Z. T. Bondurant of near Vandalia was called to Frederick, Oklahoma, a few days ago on account of the serious illnees of his father at that place, G. T. Bondurant. The father is 81 years old. He used to own and occupy the old Tim Ruane place, north of Laddonia, this county.

STATE PRISON TWINE. "

The Missouri State Prison Board at Jefferson City is selling prisonmade binder twine at 23 1-4 cents a pound to farmers in this State. The price will advance as soon as the present raw stock of sisal is exhausted, and only cash with order now holds at this price.

TRY SUGAR BEETS.

"Make your own syrup," says Dr. P. G. Holden, the celebrated farm expert. The average family can rea 20-foot row of sugar beets, he declares. And, he says, every home can | hold sway in the world." be its own refinery. A fair-sized beet scaked in water 20 minutes and then boiled will make a cup of thick syrup which can be used for almost any ordinary sweetening pur-

S. J. Bowne, Jr., up near Centralia, was in Mexico last week. He told The Messge that he will be in the race for Presiding Judge this campaign and his announcement will to be outdone, keep on having their appear in the papers soon. He expects to make a winning race.

Any chap lucky enough to have the price for a new pair of shoes these favor of observing many payless days should not get discouraged at the poor leather in them. The thing to do is to have a new upper put on them to save the soles and then new soles to save the upper.

The English branch of the M. E. Church in Missouri has launched a campaign to raise \$450,000 by midnight, May 9, 1918, with which to endow Missouri Wesleyan College at Cameron, Mo. Rev. C. E. Olson of Laddona is pushing the work in this part of the State.

Mr. Frank Ahrens and Miss Josephine Fischer, both of Martins- Strunk is a very fine fellow; he alburg, were granted marriage license in Mexico last week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Locke returned last week from a visit to their son, Lieut. Ben Locke, stationed at Waco, Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Locke caught the martial spirit while down there, and they join thoroly now with all the boys that the Kaiser must be licked and that good and plenty. Mr. and Mrs. Locke were entertained while in Waco by Major Morfit, who married Miss Sallie

Miss Mary Hamilton of near Laddonia visited her sister, Miss Leta Hamilton, in the home of James Braden in Mexico first of the week.

## Native Of Germany Makes Great Speech

Gov. Bamberger Of Utah And Sergeant Wayman At Mexico Court

Those were two stirring speeches at the Mexico Court House Saturday afternoon, one by Gov. Bamberger of Utah and the other by Sergeant Wayman.

The house was packed, mostly with Audrain farmers.

Cov. Bamberger is a native of Germany, Came to this country in 1864, "became a citizen of the greatest country on earth," as he expressed It.

Mr. Bamberger went on further to

There are thousands if not millions of people in Germany who are praying today that the Allies may be successful in this war and free from the tryanny under which they are now living. We came to the parting of the ways last April and said that all who are not with us are against us and those who are against us are

The people who are able and still will not do their part in the coming Liberty Loan drive shoud be told that if they do not do their share the Government will confiscate their property. The wives and mothers whose husbands and sons have gone to the front to defend their country are the ones who are making the greatest sacrifice, but these wives and mothers should be thankful that their husbands and sons are physically qualified for the work, for there are worse things than death itself. The mission of these men will not be fulfilled until the tyranical government of Germany is wiped from

the face of the earth. Sergeant Wayman followed, and told of his life spent in Europe. Told of the conditions in a factory in Hamburg where he worked, saying that every man over 21 years would register once a week at the armory and that each man had a key to a locker. This locker was always prepared with a uniform, helmet, kit, rations and trench digging materials and could be gotten into at any min-

"When we have won this war," uce its sugar bill by raising only Mr. Wayman declared, "we must say

Gov. Bamberger was given a dinner at the Ringo Hotel. Sam Morris sat a box of Martzo at his plate. It was a high compliment, as the Governor is a Jew, and he "caught on" at once. It takes Sam Morris to be thoughtful at the right moment.

During these wheatless days and these meatless days the tramps, not workless days. Some boys and girls are in favor of having more schoolless days and a number of the fellows who are dodging bills are in

The County Hospital will be for the people of the whole county-all the people. Don't vote against your interests on April 5th.

Miss Frances Lofton of near Wellsville was treated in the Mexico Hospital Monday.

Prof. L. H. Strunk, principal of Mc-Millan High School, is to manage Chautauquas this summer. He will get \$25 a week and all expenses paid. ways gives the service.

Miss Caroline Markley, Mexico's visiting nurse, has affered her services to the Government and hopes soon to go to France. Miss Ranz, Miss Markley's predecessor, is doing Red Cross work in France. Mexico's young women are ready to do their bit for Uncle Sam all right.

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